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SUBJECT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA V. LAKME INVESTMENTS

REF: A) 77 STATE 147616 B) 77 PANAMA 4865 C) STATE 13787
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PER INSTRUCTIONS STATE 035517, EMBOFF DISCUSSED CASE
WITH LOPEZ-GUEVARA. LATTER SUGGESTED INFORMAL EMBASSY
DISCUSSION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC SETTING FORTH
ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY AND THEIR SOURCE. THOUGH EMBASSY SOMEWHAT
RELUCTANT TO INVOLVE ITSELF FURTHER IN CASE, IN VIEW DEPARTMENT'S
PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS REF A. WHICH CAUTIONED EMBASSY AGAINST
SUCH INVOLVEMENT, IT IS EQUALLY LOATHE TO APPEAR AFTER THE FACT
TO HAVE TAKEN A DO-NOTHING APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA. INASMUCH AS LOPEZ-GUEVARA INDICATED THAT
THE PANAMANIAN COURT RULING IN THE CASE MIGHT COME ANY TIME
EMBASSY INTENDS TO MAKE WORKING-LEVEL DEMARCHE TO PANAMANAIAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL UNLESS THE
DEPARTMENT IN ITS REVIEW OF CASE FINDS BY COB MARCH 3
THAT PROPOSED ACTION IS INAPPROPRIATE AND SO INSTRUCTS
EMBASSY.
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